

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH

HON. BOB GIBBS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

Mr. GIBBS. Madam Speaker, from coast to coast and in every state and territory, the United States is home to a diverse array of scenic views, pristine wilderness, and breathtaking natural landscapes. Great Outdoors Month, designated every June, is our opportunity to celebrate and enjoy these lands.

Whether it's the forests and mountains of Appalachia or the deserts and mesas of the Southwest, Americans have opportunities to explore the beauty of our great outdoors. Every year millions of people experience the splendor of our National Parks, National Forests; and other recreation lands administered by the federal government.

We also enjoy state park systems, local parks departments, and private recreational lands, which play an important part in maintaining our heritage and history of outdoorsmanship. Hiking, camping, hunting, fishing, and geocaching are just a few of the many activities available in these parks.

These great outdoors provide a source of leisure and entertainment, a sense of wonder and awe, and the ability to cherish and appreciate the picturesque lands with which America has been blessed. Studies show outdoor activity is also beneficial to one's physical and mental health, as the simple act of being outdoors can lower blood pressure, heart rate, and stress while outdoor exercise can reduce the risk of diabetes and cardiovascular disease.

Great Outdoors Month honors the grandeur of nature and our responsibility to preserve it for future generations. Many organizations' efforts to emphasize and spread awareness of the principles of "Leave No Trace", which seeks to minimize our impact on preserved land, are important to this responsibility.

As are the conservation efforts of America's sportsmen and sportswomen. Responsible use of our nation's hunting grounds and respectful observance of harvesting regulations play a critical role in wildlife management and habitat protection. These hunters, trappers, and anglers are among the most ardent stewards—of our nation's most precious lands.

To celebrate Great Outdoors Month, I encourage all Americans who can, to spend some time at any of our Nation's parks, national or state forests, hunting lands, or other outdoor spaces.

HONORING ERIC TEWS

HON. RASHIDA TLAI

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

Ms. TLAI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Fire Fighter Eric Tews on the occa-

sion of his retirement from the Garden City, Michigan Fire Department.

It is evident that Mr. Tews has a strong sense of duty and public service. After he graduated from high school, Mr. Tews immediately enrolled in the United States Navy, serving for four years. He explored a career in welding before once again taking up the mantle of public service and becoming a fire fighter in 1990. In September of 1997, Mr. Tews joined the Garden City Fire Department as a full-time firefighter. Not satisfied with stopping there, he went on to earn his paramedic license. Beyond proudly performing his duties in an exemplary manner, Eric Tews has served as a mentor to newer members, sharing his knowledge and experience.

Please join me in recognizing Garden City Fire Fighter Eric Tews' twenty-three years of service as we wish him well on his retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, on June 26, I was unavoidably detained and unable to make it in time to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 120, YEA on Roll Call No. 121, and NAY on Roll Call No. 122.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

Mr. KING of Iowa. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on June 29, 2020 due to not being in D.C. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: YES on Roll Call No. 123; NO on Roll Call No. 124; YES on Roll Call No. 125; NO on Roll Call No. 126; YES on Roll Call No. 127; NO on Roll Call No. 128; and NO on Roll Call No. 129.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, I was unable to attend votes due to circumstances beyond my control. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 123; NAY on Roll Call No. 124; YEA on Roll Call No. 125; NAY on Roll Call No. 126; YEA on Roll Call No. 127; NAY on Roll Call No. 128; and NAY on Roll Call No. 129.

HONORING DR. MOORE

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD this letter to honor Dr. Moore.

AN EXTRAORDINARY ORDINARY MAN

MADISON, NC.—In full disclosure, I don't really believe in luck, but if I did, I would have to say I won the mega-powerball lottery when I was born in the spring of 1981. This premise rests entirely on the fact that God, in His great mercy and goodness, predestined me to have two incredible parents, Don and Sue Moore. Since it is Father's Day, I would like to take a moment and reflect on my dad whom many lovingly know as "Dr. Moore."

As the middle of three daughters, I was without a doubt the most challenging of the Moore girls and received more disciplinary correction than both of my sisters combined. Discipline was often administered by my mother because my dad was working. Just to aggravate my mother, I would tell her that the punishment didn't bother me. One can imagine my mother's level of frustration with me. Yet, it was my dad's authoritative words that prompted sincere reflection. For anyone who knows my dad, they will know he has the most kind, gentle and sensitive soul, but is equally firm and desires others to improve under his "care." So for me as a child, his words not only called me to repentance, but more importantly, urged me to become a better friend, daughter, sister and ultimately, a mother.

As a complement to this, my dad rarely missed an occasion to remind us that we were beautiful and loved. There were many times during my childhood and early adult years when my dad would return from a long medical conference out of state with the most beautiful dresses as gifts—each hand-picked for my sisters and me with the most exquisite eye. By bestowing us with lovely things, he was reminding us how beautiful we were to him.

Growing up along the Mayo River, my sisters and I had many adventures with my dad. As a little girl I was definitely the tom-boy of the Moore girls. I enjoyed getting muddied in the creek, hunting for crawdads under the rocks, and picking up field mice for show and tell. Like my dad, I was always curious and ready for adventure. I was my dad's "right hand man," clearing trails and highlighting nature's beauty for friends and family when they visited us. Many people asked me as a young girl whether my dad played golf regularly. I laughed and would say no, unless you call a chainsaw or weed eater a golf club. These were the tools he used, not to manicure nature, but to clear it enough so others could see its beauty. True and genuine beauty is an important quality to my dad.

One of my favorite memories as a child was in the early fall of 1990. I vividly remember my dad and me waking up early with the ambitious task of planting over 1000 daffodil bulbs alongside, our family home. We were so motivated that we easily planted another 1000 alongside our loop road. Over thirty

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years the blooms have multiplied yielding over 10,000 daffodils each spring. This proliferation of beauty in many ways reflects the sensitive yet tenacious spirit of my dad in his forty years of practicing medicine in Madison, NC. His servant leadership has exponentially improved the lives he has loved, prayed over, and had the privilege of caring for over four decades.

I know most little girls think of their dads as their Prince Charming; however, I have to admit I have always believed my father to be a superhero. I think there's very little my dad is not able to do. Whether creatively giving insight or executing new ideas, my father faces all challenges with excellence. When my sisters and I had school projects as little girls, he would assist with childlike zeal, not to do the project for us, but to give us artistic vision and insight into how to make it the most innovative and well-designed piece. His perfectionism did not come with judgment or criticism, but instead inspired us to think outside the box and do all things exceptionally well.

One of my dad's superpowers is that he is an animal whisperer. There are more times than I can remember when an animal on our property, wild or domesticated, would find itself badly injured and my dad would heal them with his adept medical knowledge. He has a particular love for swans, and over the years, we have had upwards of twenty of them reside on our pond. I distinctly remember carrying swan eggs on the bus in an incubator and watching them hatch in my classroom as a young child. My dad always encouraged us to make observations and to care for animals with the utmost concern. On several occasions we had swans with large gaping wounds which he would pack and suture in our backyard. The swans he would heal seemed to know that Dad loved them and would protect them at any cost. To this day, many of them will come right up to him and just lay their heads on his lap. He's able to hold them with such tenderness and peace that they will wrap their necks around his neck as if to say "thank you."

My sisters and I are the most grateful for the endless educational opportunities my parents offered us. In fact, we would often laugh when our parents wondered why jobs were difficult to obtain upon our graduations. We would smile and remind them that if they had only taken us to the beach instead of museums while on vacation, we wouldn't have ended up as history and art history majors. These trips were prompted by my dad's love of education and his desire to be a perpetual student and to experience new places and cultures. Although we did visit the beach on occasion, it was important to our parents that we experienced mmm educational, yet fun, family togetherness.

Community members, in fact, remember my dad well as an avid learner as a young student. Always the inquisitive scientist at heart with the vision and creativity of an artist, my now seventy-year-old dad, was known as a youngster for his love and care of animals and his tremendous organizational and visionary abilities. These qualities were nurtured by his parents, Leland and Lucille Moore, who worked respectively at a family owned welding and service station and Gem Dandy. They were quiet and kind parents of two sons. My dad's older brother, Leland "Butch" Moore Jr., was a starting defensive back at Catawba College and later served as an officer in the U.S. Navy in Vietnam. My dad, seven years his junior, however, was a renaissance man.

There was truly very little he could not do as a child and even less as an adult. He rode horses, he scientifically categorized whole butterfly and insect collections, molded images of friends with clay as an artistic pur-

suit and was a straight A student throughout all twelve years of school earning him the title of Valedictorian at Madison-Mayodan High School. He attended UNC Chapel Hill majoring in biology and was accepted at Bowman Gray Wake Forest School of Medicine where he also achieved academic excellence as a medical student. Upon graduation, my dad had many opportunities presented to him that might have awarded him more comfort and stability in life, but for my dad this was not the primary goal. Instead, his heart dreamed of returning home to care for the teachers, family members and friends who had loved him and equipped him to pursue medicine.

After nearly six years of wooing his high school sweetheart, my dad finally convinced my mom to be his wife. They were married the spring of his final year in medical school and spent their honeymoon years in Roanoke, VA, where my dad completed his three-year residency in family medicine. With my mom and older sister in tow, he returned home in 1980 to the county and people he loved so dearly. Dr. Joyce, my dad's predecessor, was aging and needed help with the growing population of the Madison-Mayodan area. At the time, the practice cared for just under 2,000 patients. Now, more than forty years later, Western Rockingham Family Medicine boasts over 15,000 patients.

As a physician, he listens not only with his ears, but with his very heart strings, always going above and beyond what insurance would dictate to care for patients both young and old. He always recommends the very best resources and referrals to alleviate his patients' pain, but he will also work diligently toward getting them answers. He walks with them as if they were family through their emotional, physical, intellectual and spiritual needs until they feel completely at peace and confident with what they are facing. Any patient upon entering his exam room can expect a gigantic, warm hug and the sweetest and most sincere eyes meeting their own gaze. For most, the healing starts the moment they walk in. While his medical knowledge is first-class, his sincerity, authenticity, and willingness to go above and beyond to care for others has been a mainstay of his superpowers.

It is certainly true that behind every great man is a great woman so I'd be remiss without saying that my dad would not be the man he is without my mom. Over the years she has quietly and gracefully empowered my dad by advising and praying for him, even as he sacrificed important moments with our family to serve the greater community. In her own way, and as a family, we've each sacrificed, but I know my mom's has been the greatest. She has, humbly and with love, encouraged him to provide the very best care for each and every patient that walks into his exam room.

My gratitude on this Father's Day for my dad, my hero, really cannot be described in words. From his early years as a great thinker and creative spirit to the present day, my dad is steadfast and serves all who cross his path with love and selflessness. In the world we live in today, he's a rare gift, and if the very qualities of his heart could be harvested by all of mankind, the ripple effect would radically change the culture of our country. My dad is a man whose heart is rooted in his faith in the Almighty, which is the true and eternal source of his superpowers. My dad knows that ultimate healing comes from our Creator and that my dad is merely a humble instrument that God uses to care for those He has entrusted to him.

CS Lewis once famously wrote in his book, *The Four Loves*:

"To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything and your heart will be wrung and

possibly broken. If you want to make sure of keeping it intact you must give it to no one, not even an animal. Wrap it carefully round with hobbies and little luxuries; avoid all entanglements. Lock it up safe in the casket or coffin of your own selfishness. But in that casket, safe, dark, motionless, airless, it will change. It will not be broken; it will become unbreakable, impenetrable, irredeemable. To love is to be vulnerable."

If you wish to see a life fully lived with genuine love, look no further than my dad. He epitomizes Lewis' idea of loving and serving others versus choosing a life of self protection and insincerity. While the loss of beloved patients, systemic changes in healthcare and decreased time with our family have been challenging at times, the rewards of providing compassionate medical care have produced infinite beauty in my life and my family's life. Even more so, this outpouring of love has extended to the lives of those throughout Rockingham County and beyond. My dad will be the first to say that his time as a physician has yielded much more in his life than what he's invested. He credits this entirely to the wonderful patients he's had the great joy of loving and serving.

There's not a day I don't think about my dad's prayer each morning on our childhood rides to school. It was very simple: he prayed he would be the very best doctor he could be that day. In the same way, I thank God for the privilege of having one of the very best of men guide me through this life.

What a gift, what an extraordinary ordinary father.

Thank you, Dad, for exemplifying what it means to live a life well lived with humility, integrity and service to others, a love that is so vulnerable that it is contagious to all whom you encounter.

THE 2020 OBSERVANCE OF THE HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF JUNETEENTH INDEPENDENCE DAY

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, 155 years ago, on June 19, 1865, General Gordon Granger rode into Galveston, Texas and announced the freedom of the last American slaves; belatedly freeing 250,000 slaves in Texas nearly two and a half years after Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation.

Juneteenth was first celebrated in the Texas state capital in 1867 under the direction of the Freedmen's Bureau.

Today, Juneteenth remains the oldest known celebration of slavery's demise. It commemorates freedom while acknowledging the sacrifices and contributions made by courageous African Americans towards making our great nation the more conscious and accepting country that it has become.

As the nation prepares to celebrate July 4th, our nation's independence day later this week, it is a time to reflect on the accomplishments of our nation and its people.

I want to thank the Members of the House for their bipartisan support of this Resolution, which has over 214 cosponsors, of which 202 are original sponsors.

General Granger's reading of this order ended chattel slavery, a form of perpetual servitude that held generations of Africans in

bondage in the United States for two-hundred and forty-eight years and opened a new chapter in American history.

Recognizing the importance of this date, former slaves coined the word "Juneteenth" to mark the occasion with a celebration the first of which occurred in the Texas state capital in 1867 under the direction of the Freedmen's Bureau.

Juneteenth was and is a living symbol of freedom for people who did not have it.

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The celebration of Juneteenth followed the most devastating conflict in our country's history, in the aftermath of a civil war that pitted brother against brother, neighbor against neighbor and threatened to tear the fabric of our union apart forever that America truly became the land of the free and the home of the brave.

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "Freedom is never free," and African American labor leader A. Phillip Randolph often said "Freedom is never given. It is won."

Truer words were never spoken.

We should all recognize the power and the ironic truth of those statements, and we should pause to remember the enormous price paid by all Americans in our country's quest to realize its promise.

Juneteenth honors the end of the 400 years of suffering African Americans endured under slavery and celebrates the legacy of perseverance that has become the hallmark of the African American experience in the struggle for equality.

In recent years, a number of National Juneteenth Organizations have arisen to take their place alongside older organizations—all with the mission to promote and cultivate knowledge and appreciation of African American history and culture.

Juneteenth celebrates African American freedom while encouraging self-development and respect for all cultures.

But it must always remain a reminder to us all that liberty and freedom are precious birthrights of all Americans, which must be jealously guarded and preserved for future generations.

PHOEBE A. HADDON

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend the Chancellor of Rutgers University Camden, Phoebe A. Haddon.

Phoebe Haddon was born in Washington, D.C. and spent her childhood in Passaic, New Jersey. She later earned her bachelor's degree from Smith College in 1972, Juris Doctor, cum laude, from Duquesne University School of Law in 1977 and in 1985 she earned her Master of Laws from Yale Law School. She practiced law at Wilmer Cutler and Pickering in Washington, D.C. and has written exten-

sively on issues including equal access to counsel for civil litigants and issues surrounding access to education.

Prior to her time at Rutgers University Camden, she had tenured as a distinguished faculty member at Temple University Beasley School of Law for over 25 years. During her time at Temple she made it a priority of hers to fight against the racial and gender biases of the Pennsylvania bench and bar and she has served on numerous federal, state, city, and committee bodies.

Chancellor Haddon stepped into the role as chancellor of Rutgers's University Camden in 2014 and as the executive administrator she has had the responsibility of overseeing the daily administration of over 1,300 employees at a campus that enrolls more than 7,000 students. In addition, as Chief Executive of Rutgers University—Camden she is a leader both on and off campus by expanding the role of the civic engagement program by working with community partners in the Camden and the Delaware Valley region. Additionally, under her leadership the college has greatly expanded its enrollment through exceptional initiatives such as launching the Bridging the Gap Program. Through the installation of this landmark program, in Fall 2017 Rutgers-Camden achieved the highest enrollment in the entire history of the campus.

Chancellor Haddon earned numerous honors and is respected nationally as a constitutional scholar and leader in higher education. We honor Chancellor Haddon's commitment to Rutgers University—Camden and her dedication to diversity and equality in higher education.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring the achievements of Chancellor Phoebe A. Haddon of Rutgers University Camden and thank her for all that she has done to advance Rutgers University Camden and the surrounding communities of South Jersey.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RALPH LEE ABRAHAM

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

Mr. ABRAHAM. Madam Speaker, on Monday, June 29, 2020 I was unavoidably detained on Roll Call Votes No. 124, No. 126, No. 128, and No. 129. Had I been present to vote, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call Votes No. 124, No. 126, No. 128, and No. 129.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOSH GOTTHEIMER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

Mr. GOTTHEIMER. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I was unavoidably detained from the floor on Monday, June 29, 2020. I missed roll call vote No. 129.

Had I been present to vote on roll call No. 129, I would have voted YEA.

HONORING THE LIFE OF PAUL LOGGAN

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Paul Loggan, a friend, a mentor, a teacher, a coach and a father-figure among his many roles at North Central High School in Indianapolis, where he worked for more than three decades. Paul was a tremendous leader in our community including his role in the athletics department when my children attended North Central High School. He was a constant presence for Indiana high school football and his dedication to Indiana students will be missed greatly. His impact on high school athletics was honored on the evening of April 13 when football stadiums across the state of Indiana turned on their lights in his memory.

Paul Loggan was born on April 5, 1963, in Shelbyville, Indiana. He was an outstanding athlete at Rushville High School, where he graduated in 1981. Paul went on to the University of Indianapolis, where he was an All-American linebacker and team captain on the football team before graduating in 1985. He went on to receive his master's degree from Ball State University. In 2012 Paul was inducted into the University of Indianapolis Athletics Hall of Fame.

Paul's love for sports did not end with playing sports. In addition to his time at Franklin Central and Roncalli, he spent over three decades at North Central as a teacher, coach, department chair, Assistant Athletic Director and in 2014 became the Athletic Director. He went on to become the President of the Indiana Football Coaches Association (IFCA) and stayed active in the IFCA even after his time as president was over. Paul spent over three decades as the game director for the North/South All-Star football game hosted by North Central. He was dedicated to students and athletes for a large part of his life.

Though athletics were very important to him, Paul held something even closer, his family. It was often said that it was rare to see Paul out without at least one of his children. This is what truly defined Paul. He had three kids, sons Michael and Will and his daughter Sami. He was married to his wife Kathy for nearly twenty-nine years. Paul is also survived by his mother, Marjorie Loggan, brothers Ted (Gena) and Bo, sister Kelly, and several nieces and nephews. Hoosiers everywhere mourn the loss of this great man. Our community will forever be thankful for the contributions Paul made to students and athletes across the state of Indiana. On behalf of the Fifth District of Indiana, I send my thoughts and prayers to his family and friends during this difficult time.

SUPPORTING THE DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) PROGRAM

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, recent events have underscored the inequities that

still exist in American society, and there is a cry for systemic change. We must reaffirm our commitment to leveling the playing field and doing what is fair to empower women- and minority-owned businesses to reach parity.

The Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program at the Department of Transportation was established in 1980 under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination based on race and gender. The intent of the program is to remedy past discrimination in federal transportation contracts by setting goals for awarding contracts to women- and minority-owned businesses.

The long record of discrimination this program seeks to remedy is undeniable. During the Great Depression, President Roosevelt invested extraordinary resources in infrastructure projects as part of the Works Progress Administration. His federal investments came with a tag in the South that said, "No Blacks allowed." The same was true for women, since the jobs were intended for men, who were assumed to be the primary family breadwinner. As a result, many white American households headed by men built themselves out of the depression, while most Blacks and women-led households remained in abject poverty without the means to recover.

Today, if we were to dismiss equity and fairness in our federal transportation contracting, we would see the disparities in unemployment and income grow.

There is indisputable and overwhelming evidence that discrimination still exists in the federal transportation marketplace against women- and minority-owned businesses. Data-driven disparity studies illustrate the need for the DBE program to continue. One study revealed that Black architecture and engineering businesses' receipts are 42 percent and 45 percent lower, respectively, than their white counterparts. Non-minority women-owned architecture and engineering businesses earned 39 and 38 percent less than businesses owned by white men.

Underrepresented businesses achieve better outcomes on construction, architecture, engineering, and other service contracts when goal-oriented programs are implemented to encourage the participation of these business groups in government contracts. Without these goals and measures in place, many of these businesses report that they would be completely shut out of government contracting opportunities.

In this time of reckoning over historic inequities in our country, we must reaffirm our commitment to essential programs like DBE to continue making progress toward a more perfect Union with liberty and justice for all.

CELEBRATING SARAH AND
GEORGE ROBERTS

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sarah and George Roberts of Detroit, Michigan on the very special occasion of their first wedding anniversary.

Sarah and George were married on July 20, 2019 in Hague, New York. Surrounded by

friends and family from around the globe, they committed to a lifetime of love and support for one another.

Their nuptials marked the beginning of a journey that I know they will navigate with the same ease that Sarah has guided me with throughout my first term in Congress. The positive impact that Sarah and George make in their professional lives and in their communities cannot be overstated; I cannot wait to see all the good that will continue to result from the partnership of these two dynamic leaders.

As they reflect on their first anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger to cherish and honor one another for many years to come.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Sarah and George on this momentous occasion.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB GIBBS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

Mr. GIBBS. Madam Speaker, I was unable to be present for the second vote series due to a previously scheduled doctor's appointment. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on rollcall No. 115.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT
OF PHI DELTA THETA FRATERNITY
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
ROBERT A. BIGGS

HON. DAVID ROUZER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

Mr. ROUZER. Madam Speaker, I am honored and privileged to recognize Robert A. Biggs in tribute to his 44 years of service to the Phi Delta Theta International Fraternity as well as his lifelong dedication to the collegiate and interfraternal movement.

I have been a very proud member of Phi Delta Theta since joining the North Carolina Delta Chapter in the Spring of 1992 when I attended North Carolina State University and later served as president in 1993.

Phi Delta Theta is a values-based college fraternity with nearly 200 chapters, 12,000 undergraduate members, and more than 280,000 lifelong members.

Robert A. Biggs, outgoing chief executive officer of both the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity and its Foundation, has served the Phi Delta Theta organization since he graduated from Georgia Southern University in 1976. He began his career as a chapter consultant, and later served as director of chapter services for more than a decade until 1990 and has led the Fraternity as its executive vice president since 1991. His decades of leadership as the organization's fourth executive during its 172-year history has provided great stability and bedrock support for its future growth.

Since 2011, Bob has simultaneously held dual leadership posts by leading both the Foundation and the Fraternity. Since its hum-

ble beginnings in 1958, the Phi Delta Theta Foundation has awarded more than \$4.1 million in scholarships and fellowships to outstanding young Phis. The Foundation has also granted nearly \$10 million toward the Fraternity's premier leadership and educational programs, including the Kleberg Emerging Leaders Institute, the Presidents Leadership Conference, the Leadership Consultant Program, and the Alcohol-Free Housing initiative. The Foundation president position has only been held by two individuals during the past 20 years. It was his leadership and work with the Phi Delta Theta Foundation board of trustees that grew the assets of the Foundation from \$4 million in 2011 to more than \$20 million in 2018. Under Bob's watch and leadership, the combination of long-term strategic planning and a focus on the development of financial support blended both organizations into effective and streamlined systems, complementing each and working toward clearly defined, measurable goals.

Phi Delta Theta was one of the first fraternities of its size to implement an Alcohol-Free Housing policy, requiring that all Phi Delta Theta chapter facilities remain alcohol-free to support the health and safety of its members and create an environment of brotherhood without the distractions of alcohol and/or substance abuse. An Alcohol-Free Housing Alliance of several fraternities was formed in the late 1990s. This initiative was one of the most controversial in the organization's history. Bob Biggs and the Fraternity's governing board, the General Council, led this charge with staunch determination and a resolute confidence that this was in the long-term best interest of its members. Bob had to lead in the face of threats, and even lawsuits, to move past a small group of detractors and keep the Fraternity on course. He did so with a positive attitude and clear vision, taking the lead among peer organizations. In 2018, three additional fraternities committed to alcohol and substance-free housing by 2020, bringing positive change to collegiate campuses and Greek communities everywhere.

Along with the decision of Alcohol-Free Housing came an entire overhaul of how the organization would manage its undergraduate chapters, facilities, and volunteer leadership, including the need for fundraising to support the initiative and re-education efforts. As a result of Bob's resolve, the Fraternity was strong enough to not only withstand, but overcome the pressures from inside and outside the organization.

Bob Biggs has been a leader in many fraternal associations, including the North American Interfraternity Conference (NIC), the Fraternity Executives Association, of which he is a past president, the Edgewater Conference, and the Cincinnati Society of Association of Executives. Bob has been a Certified Association Executive since 1986. In each organization, it has been the relationships with his peers that meant the most to Bob, and he continues to nurture and cherish them.

In 2006, Bob was awarded Phi Delta Theta's Legion of Honor Award. This high honor recognizes a member who has made a major contribution of his time, effort and energy to serve the Fraternity and improve its stature, has distinguished himself in representing the Fraternity's principles of friendship, sound learning and rectitude, is widely recognized as a leader of fraternity men and

identified with the promotion of fraternities, and has widely advanced and enlarged the opportunities for growth and leadership among college men through fraternities. Phi Delta Theta asserts that fraternities, and the education of their members therein, are a microcosm of university life. Bob Biggs has been instrumental in collaborating with various college and university presidents during his tenure.

In Bob's own reflections recently when questioned about his impact on the Fraternity, he was emphatic that if not for his role at Phi Delta Theta, he would not have had the opportunity to meet and work with so many top level university and college officials, business executives, entrepreneurs, Nobel laureates, astronauts, and other citizens of great influence.

In addition to his Fraternity related service, he has always been dedicated to his community of Oxford, Ohio where he and his wife Coni raised their three children, Lori, Kyle and Amy. He has been president or chairman of several local organizations, including the Oxford Rotary Club, Oxford Jaycees, Oxford Community Foundation, has volunteered as a troop leader with Boy Scouts of America, and served St. Mary Catholic Church on the Finance Committee.

Throughout his career, Mr. Biggs has been an ambassador and advocate for all Greek organizations. Based on his many achievements and long, distinguished tenure within the Greek movement and Phi Delta Theta, I am honored and proud, as one of his Fraternity brothers and a colleague in the collegiate Greek movement, to acknowledge with gratitude the distinguished career of Robert A. Biggs, on the occasion of the culmination of his career of selfless service to the Phi Delta Theta International Fraternity and the Phi Delta Theta Foundation.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. JOHN SWING

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of the late John Swing, whose life was tragically cut short by COVID-19.

John Swing was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps and widely respected community leader in my district. He was recently appointed Executive Director of Search to Involve Filipino Americans (SIPA), a group serving LA's Filipino community. I was honored to join their event last month to discuss the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Filipino community in Los Angeles. In addition, Mr. Swing was active in a variety of other community groups, including the Filipino American Services Group, Inc., the Coalition of Filipino American Chambers of Commerce, and the Festival of Pilipino Arts and Culture.

Mr. Swing also served on the Riverside County Foundation on Aging, where he served as Board Director; as an employee of the Riverside County Probation Department; and in the United States Marine Corps. He was passionate about improving our city and helping those most in need and was particularly involved in the efforts to combat the scourge of homelessness throughout Los Angeles.

Mr. Swing is survived by his wife Ellen Rodriguez-Swing and his children, Zachary, Joshua, Chloe, Mackenzie, Nico, and Sasha. My deepest condolences are with them, and the entire Los Angeles Filipino community who has lost a dedicated and energetic leader to this horrific disease.

John Swing was a true public servant and he will be deeply missed. His work will continue in all the lives he touched. Please join me in honoring his legacy.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARTHA ROBY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

Mrs. ROBY. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on Monday, June 29. Had I been present I would have voted as follows: YEA on Roll Call No. 123; NAY on Roll Call No. 124; YEA on Roll Call No. 125; NAY on Roll Call No. 126; YEA on Roll Call No. 127; NAY on Roll Call No. 128; and NAY on Roll Call No. 129.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. AUSTIN SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, on Roll Call No. 123 on the motion to recommit for H.R. 1425, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA.

On Roll Call No. 124 on passage of H.R. 1425, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY.

On Roll Call No. 125 on the motion to recommit for H.R. 5332, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA.

On Roll Call No. 126 on passage of H.R. 5332, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY.

On Roll Call No. 127 on motion to recommit for H.R. 7301, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA.

On Roll Call No. 128 on passage of H.R. 7301, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY.

On Roll Call No. 129 on passage of H.J. Res. 90, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Madam Speaker, due to a family commitment I unfortunately missed votes yesterday. Had I been

present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 123; NAY on Roll Call No. 124; YEA on Roll Call No. 125; NAY on Roll Call No. 126; YEA on Roll Call No. 127; NAY on Roll Call No. 128; and NAY on Roll Call No. 129.

HONORING THE LIFE OF PATRICK KENNEDY

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Patrick William Kennedy, a friend to many in the Indianapolis community, including me. Pat passed away on April 12, 2020, after a courageous battle with Covid-19. He will be forever missed by his friends, family and colleagues.

Pat Kennedy was born June 27, 1956, in Indianapolis, Indiana. After graduating from Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School, Pat went on to Notre Dame University where he graduated in 1978. Upon his graduation from Notre Dame, Pat joined the Kennedy family business and ultimately became the 4th-generation president of the three Kennedy family companies: Kennedy Tank & Manufacturing in Indianapolis; Southern Tank in Owensboro, Kentucky; and STAFCO in Columbia City, Indiana. Pat worked along side family including his three sons to gain national recognition in quality fabrication of steel tanks, pressure vessels, and heat exchangers.

In addition to Pat's success in the business world, he was heavily involved in bettering the Indianapolis community. He had a deep passion for auto racing that led to him attending fifty-seven consecutive Indianapolis 500 races, but spectating was not all that he did. Pat served on the board of the 500 Mile Oldtimers Organization, sponsored race car drivers, and wrote two books on race trivia, collaborating with Indianapolis Motor Speedway (IMS) historian and friend Donald Davidson as a technical advisor. Pat was a former director of the 500 Festival Board and was a director of the 500 Festival Foundation Board at the time of his death. Pat was very involved in bettering the experience for Hoosiers and fans all around the world when it came to his beloved Indy 500.

The 500 was not the only way Pat served our community. He supported numerous organizations including Wheeler Mission, CYO, United Way, Friends of Holliday Park, Little Sisters of the Poor, Indianapolis Motor Speedway Foundation, and many schools and parishes in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Pat was a passionate sports fan, rarely missing a game played by those in his family, but his interest extended to any great competitive event. Pat was a devoted supporter and long-time season ticket holder of the Indiana Pacers and the Indianapolis Colts.

Pat was preceded in death by his beloved parents, William and Frances Kennedy. He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Cheryl Kennedy; children Maura (Chris Page), Bill (Ellen), Jimmy (Anna Grace Sterry), Patrick, and Joey Gaines; grandchildren Kate, Grace, Luke, and Bo; sisters Peggy Shorter (Mark), Kathy Fairchild (Thom), and Ann Bolin (Paul); and nieces and nephews Kelly Schneider (Matt), Mickey Shorter (Ashley); Kimmie Rumer (Justin) and Kyle Fairchild; and Courtney, Kevin, and Brian Bolin.

On behalf of the Fifth District of Indiana I offer my deepest condolences to the family and friends of Pat Kennedy. The Hoosier community will greatly miss him and his extensive contributions.

REMEMBERING ARIKA SAMANTHA TRIM

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT
OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 30, 2020

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to honor and remember the life of Arika Samantha Trim, my former committee press secretary. Arika tragically passed away at the age of 29 on June 23, 2020, just a week after giving birth to her son Djai.

I first had the honor of meeting Arika shortly after I became ranking member on what was then the Committee on Education and the Workforce. Arika joined my committee staff in April 2015 as our press secretary and was later promoted to deputy communications director.

Arika brought significant experience to the Committee's press team. A native of Tobago, Arika was a 2008 graduate of Oxon Hill High School in Maryland. After graduating Lee University in Tennessee in 2012 with a degree in public relations, she interned with the Office of First Lady Michelle Obama. She then went on to join the communications staff at the U.S. Department of Agriculture as a press assistant. She was critical to communicating and amplifying the important work of Democrats on the Education and the Workforce Committee to the media and the American people. Arika played a key role in many of our key legislative successes during my first three years as the top Democrat on the Committee, including defending the Affordable Care Act, promoting the importance of school meals and child nutrition, and original introduction of the Raise the Wage Act. I will forever be grateful for her work and dedication to America's students, workers, and families.

Arika left the committee in early 2018 to join the communications staff of the American Hospital Association. I know Arika played an outsized role there communicating the needs of hospitals, most recently the impact on our hospitals of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Losing someone at such a young age with so much more to give to the world is tragic, and I cannot fathom the loss that Arika's mother Donna, family, and many friends are going through at this time.

The untimely death of Arika challenges us as policy makers to reckon with the disturbing reality that plagues far too many women, especially Black women in this country. That is, regardless of income or educational achievement, Black mothers are three to four times more likely to die of pregnancy related illnesses than White mothers.

The COVID-19 pandemic has only worsened the systemic health and social racial inequities in our nation. The Black maternal health crisis is only getting worse and has gone unaddressed for far too long. Congress must take bold action and immediately pass comprehensive legislation to address this issue, including the Black Maternal Health

Momnibus Act and the Mothers and Offspring Mortality and Morbidity Awareness Act or MOMMA's Act. These bills would make critical investments to support Black mothers, including 12-month postpartum Medicaid coverage, investing in rural maternal health, promoting a more diverse perinatal workforce, and addressing implicit bias in our health care system.

Madam Speaker, I hope that we can honor the life and legacy of Black mothers like Arika and finally end the Black maternal health crisis. I hope that Arika's family knows that her legacy of public service will continue to endure and motivate our important work.

Madam Speaker, I would like to include in the RECORD a statement from the American Hospital Association in honor of Arika Trim.

STATEMENT FROM THE AMERICAN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION ON THE PASSING OF ARIKA TRIM
(By Rick Pollack, AHA President and CEO, June 30, 2020)

Starting in January 2018 until her passing, Arika Trim served as Associate Director of Media Relations at the American Hospital Association. We convey to the nation the association's expression of grief. As a communications professional at the AHA, Arika was passionate about her work to ensure that all patients have access to affordable health care. Her warm manner a gentle smile let everyone who had the privilege of working with her know that in Arika, they had found a friend. She has left us far too soon.

We grieve for her family and her beautiful new son, and that her time with us as our friend and colleague has ended. Please know that Arika will always live on in the hearts and memories of her friends at the AHA, and that our thoughts and prayers are with her family and all those who were fortunate to have known her.

REMEMBERING NUR OMAR MOHAMED

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS
OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 30, 2020

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the exceptional life and light of Nur Omar Mohamed, father of my dear colleague, Congresswoman ILHAN OMAR.

Nur passed away on June 15, 2020 of complications arising from the coronavirus at the age of 67. He was taken from his family far too soon, but he leaves behind a distinguished legacy as the "Superdad" to his children, community, and all of those in our nation who had the good fortune to know him.

After the outbreak of the Somali civil war, Nur kept his family safe and secure until their ultimate move to the United States in 1995. He became a mentor to many in the Minneapolis Somali community, and encouraged his children to pursue their dreams no matter how unconventional. He was an open-minded trailblazer who believed in the unique power of young people to make positive change—all qualities that we admire about our colleague, Representative OMAR, today.

Nur is survived by his seven children and many grandchildren, including Congresswoman OMAR's three children, Isra, Adnan and Ilwad Hirsi. He will be remembered for his laugh, listening ear, and open heart.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in reflecting on the life of Nur Omar

Mohamed and the incredible impact he made on our society.

HONORING KIMBERLY BAXTER AS IOWAN OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE
OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 30, 2020

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Kimberly Baxter, Executive Director of Special Projects and Director of the Iowa Accountability Program for the Iowa Judicial Branch, as our Iowan of the Week.

To those who know her, Director Baxter's mission is very clear: leave things better than how she found them. She strives to shine a light on all voices—making sure everyone is not only heard but also understood—and to unite our communities. She is a firm believer that change starts when we make the effort to stop and listen to each other.

Over the years, Director Baxter has had many opportunities to further that mission in the State of Iowa. She helped to establish Iowa's first-ever domestic violence court and other innovative programs that offer safety and resources to victims as well as offender rehabilitation. In her current role as Executive Director of Special Projects, she continues to provide assistance to and perspective on underserved populations. Through the Iowa Accountability Program, she seeks to make "Good Courts—Great Courts" by examining how the Iowa Judicial Branch can improve policies on handling domestic violence cases and enhancing access to justice.

In partnership with the Iowa Judicial Branch's Education Division, Director Baxter also was instrumental in the development and co-facilitation of an implicit bias training program; it included Harvard's Implicit Association Test—which helps people to identify subconscious preferences and gives them the chance to educate themselves based on the results. This training was given to the Iowa Supreme Court and became a requirement for all judicial employees to participate.

Previously, Kimberly Baxter served as the Division Director for the Iowa Department of Human Rights' Commission on the Status of African Americans—where she tackled racial disparities and disproportionate actions against Black Iowans. In this role, she also helped to create programs to help educate Black leaders concerning domestic violence and help people to understand the impacts of violence.

Kimberly Baxter also served as Board President of the Friends of Iowa Civil Rights Commission, where she helped develop annual diversity conferences that offered workshops on social awareness, self-care, implicit bias, discrimination, and expanding organizational outreach to communities of color. She also helped organize annual Friends Luncheons to recognize Iowans' recent and lifetime efforts to improve civil efforts across the state.

In addition to all this important work, Director Baxter also has produced an annual statewide African American Resource Guide over the past 15 years, mapping out Iowa's Black-owned small businesses, organizations, and resources to help support Black communities

across our state. Currently, Director Baxter is in the process of making this Resource Guide digital, so it can be accessed from anywhere and updated in real-time.

This week, we celebrate Juneteenth—a time to rejoice on the steps towards greater freedom and justice but also a time to really reflect on the choices that our country has made. Director Baxter called this a time of recognition—knowing how far we have come, but also understanding that there is still so much work to be done.

Today, I extend that spirit of recognition back to Kimberly Baxter. Her goal has been—

and remains—bettering Iowa's communities with each passing day. We can honor the work she has done for our state while holding her words with us to acknowledge that there is still much more work to be done. In reflecting on the road ahead, she said that while she doesn't believe justice has been delayed, she believes true equality has been. She referenced the march at Selma—the images of people of all colors and creeds locking arms and marching as a community—seemed to be repeating itself with this current movement and community activism. She expressed hope that

this new movement would go even further than we have before.

Iowa, and our entire nation, have come a long way since those steps were taken 55 years ago. But we still must recognize that there is a long road ahead to true equality. I want to recognize one of the women who has worked so hard to get us to where we are today, but also who encourages us to never settle and to continue fighting to leave things better than we found them. It is my distinct honor to recognize Kimberly Baxter as our Iowan of the Week.